GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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Over-crowded Trains
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the over-crowding in general compartments of mail/express and passenger trains;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the number of general bogies as well as to improve the facilities in general bogies to facilitate easy travel by the general public and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of trains running through Bihar which are
over-crowded as on date;

(d) the funds allocated for improvement of general bogies during the last three years; and

(e) the details of safety measures the Government proposes to take to curb accidents due to over-crowding?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)
(a): On Indian Railways, the demand pattern is not uniform throughout the year and it varies during the peak and lean seasons. The demand for travel surges during the peak season like summer holidays, festivals etc. when the number of passengers in general compartments tend to increase.
(b): During the period 2015-16 (up to January, 2016), total 884 coaches have been attached in existing trains on permanent basis, out of which 370 coaches are General Class coaches which is about 40% of the total augmentation done during the period.
Further, it has been proposed in the Railway Budget 2016-17 to
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introduce the Antyodaya Express, a long-distance, fully unreserved, superfast train service, and also to add Deen Dayalu coaches (General Class coaches) in some long distance trains for unreserved travel to enhance our carrying capacity for the general public.
As a part of continual improvement in passenger amenities in trains, following actions have been taken by Indian Railways:
i. Provision of cushioned seats/berths in General Second class non-Airconditioned coaches.
ii. Besides making provision of dustbins, it has also been decided to provide stainless steel mugs with chain arrangements in non-Airconditioned coaches including General Second class coaches.
(c): State-wise statistics of number of passengers is not maintained. Since unreserved tickets issued for general compartments are not
train-specific, train specific data is not available. However, overall occupancy of all reserved trains during the month of February, 2016 was approximately 100%.
(d): Consolidated funds are allotted for maintenance of all coaches including general coaches and no separate funds specifically for general coaches are assigned.
(e): Indian Railways, as a matter of policy, have already decided that the Mail/Express trains (except fully reserved trains like Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto, etc.) introduced after 2007-08, shall have 6 general class coaches in their standard composition as per feasibility. Besides, to cater to the travelling needs of General Class passengers, Indian Railways operate fully unreserved services like Jan Sadharan, Janseva, Jan Nayak Express etc. in addition to Passenger trains and
Intercity services for short distance travel.
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